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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

1. In recent weeks several representatives of this Agency have made outstanding contributions to the National intelligence effort which I believe merit consideration for award of the Medal of Freedom. However, the sensitive nature of their activities makes it highly undesirable to transmit recommendations to the Secretary of Defense as provided in Paragraph V of Executive Order 10336.

2. I envisage that other members of this Agency will from time to time also perform their duties in an outstanding fashion and will thereby become eligible for award of the Medal of Freedom. In order to process such awards with a maximum of security, it is requested that, utilizing the language of Paragraph II b of Executive Order 10336, you authorize the Director of Central Intelligence to make awards of the Medal of Freedom under the conditions set forth in the Executive Order. Such awards, of course, would be made only when present standards for the Medal of Freedom are met.

3. I am attaching a letter conveying this authority to the Director of Central Intelligence, which I trust will meet with your approval.

Director

CONCUR: